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how much do you think the damage was? And the farmer say, why are you asking me that? The lawyer said, well, I presume you come to me because you might want to retain my services, and if there's not enough involved, I'm not going to waste my time on chicken feed. Joke--you know, he's dealing with a farmer. So the farmer said, well, I'd say about \$2,500. So the lawyer said, okay, how did you arrive at that figure? The farmer said he had somebody come out and assess the damage that was done and showed the lawyer the paper. So the lawyer said, okay, I'll take your case. And the farmer said, first of all, based on what I told you, do you think I have a case? The lawyer said, well, certainly. This person should have kept his pigs confined, and when they were allowed to escape, or if they broke out, he did not exercise the due care necessary to keep those pigs, those hogs, confined. And as a result, you were damaged so he was negligent. You suffered harm. You will recover. And the farmer said thank you to the lawyer, because those hogs were yours and you just made the case. So the lawyer just reared back, as lawyers do, and he smiled at the farmer and the farmer said, well, why are you smiling?

SENATOR CUDABACK: One minute.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: He said, both of us are lucky today because the advice that I gave you, my fee for that is exactly \$2,500, so we just about break even. Now, I wrote a long poem about this, but I'm not going to give the poem. The farmer was so angry, he pulled out his pocket knife and killed the lawyer. The poem was about the death penalty, but I wrote all that into it to kind of draw some of my rural and farm sector colleagues into a frame of mind where they would at least consider the other issues. So if anybody is interested in the entire rhyme, let me know and I'll see that you get a copy.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Chambers. Senator Louden.

SENATOR LOUDEN: Thank you, Senator Cudaback and members of the body. I must admit, Senator Chambers, I didn't know that there was something there that we could set records on, on how many no votes, but I thought I was probably getting up there in the top ten anyway. And we'll have to...I'll have to look up and see